



SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON, CT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021
Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street
Live-Streamed at www.cityofshelton.org
MINUTES

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti called the Special Virtual Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 5:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Shelton City Hall. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President- Present
Alderman Eric McPherson, Vice President- Present via Phone
Alderman David Gidwani- Present via Phone
Alderman Stanley Kudej- Not Present
Alderman Noreen McGorty- Present via Phone
Alderman Cris Balamaci- Present
Alderman Bernie Simons- Present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti- Present

Administration

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti - Present
Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel – Present (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)
Thomas Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel - present

Public Portion

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board. There being none, he closed the public portion.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the reading and approve the following meeting minutes:

- 1.1 SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – DECEMBER 10, 2020
- 1.2 SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – JANUARY 7, 2021

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: www.cityofshelton.org.

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1.1 NO ITEMS

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 NO ITEMS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

No Report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

No Report.

6 – LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorized a total payment of \$2,790 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statements January 4, 2021, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Professional Services -	001-1900-411.30-01	\$
Legal Fees -	001-1900-411.30-03	\$2,790
Foreclosure Fees -	001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Court Costs -	001-1900-411.80.84	\$

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace: After studying Fran's invoice I see that there are some discrepancies and that he has an additional \$10 coming to him. We will approve the above today and he can handle the \$10 any way he wants in the future.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$1,039.50 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Galvin Cotter for services rendered per statement dated January 7, 2021, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Professional Services	001-1900-411.30-01	\$
Legal Fees	001-1900-411.30-03	\$1,039.50
Foreclosure Fees	001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Miscellaneous Services	001-1900-411.80-03	\$
Court Costs	001-1900-411.80-84	\$

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7- LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A. NO ITEMS

8 - FINANCIAL BUSINESS - OLD

8.1 NO ITEMS

9 - FINANCIAL BUSINESS - NEW

9.1 JANUARY STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$15,868.81 be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the certified list received from the Tax Collector with funds to come from the Statutory Refunds Account 001-0000-311.13.00.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9.2 REHABILITATION/REPURPOSING OF A FIRE TRUCK

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of \$15,000 for the rehabilitation and repurposing of a fire truck with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

Mayor Lauretti: The truck that is slated for rehab is the old ladder truck that was bought in 1995. As you recall, a few months ago, the city purchased a brand-new ladder truck in the amount of \$1.3 million. The value and the useful life on the old ladder truck is minimal. I still believe it has value but not for fire service. We have done rehabs in the past on several trucks, and reassigned them to Public Works or the Park's Department. The same thing will happen here. This is a big truck. You may recall, four years ago, maybe five, we put a brand-new engine in this vehicle and over the years the vehicle has been maintained very well. In my mind, even though it's 26 or 27 years old, it still has a lot of useful life left, particularly for either the Parks Department or Public Works, even possibly the Fire Department in some other capacity other than a first response truck. I am not sure what it's going to cost. This will at least get us started and it may be enough to do what we need to do. In any event, I think the ladder and the pump can come off of it. I am not suggesting it will cost \$15,000 to do just that. I think that \$15,000 will take us far beyond just taking the ladder and the pump off.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 A. NO ITEMS

10.2 APPOINTMENTS TO EMS COMMISSION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appoint the following members to the EMS Commission effective immediately:

Christopher Motasky – R
12 Lexington Court
Shelton, CT 06484

Term Expiring 01/13/23
(Filling expired term of Thomas DeMarco)

Justin Sabatino – R
193 River Road
Shelton, CT 06484
Term Expiring: 07/01/21
(Filling expired term of Nancy Minotti)

Eric Graf - U
8 Lexington Court
Shelton, CT 06484
Term Expiring: 07/01/21
(Filling expired term of Beth Tiberio)

Karen McGovern – D
66 Geissler Drive
Shelton, CT 06484
Term Expiring: 01/13/23
(Filling expired term of Karen Minopoli)

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman McGorty: I am currently the Chairman of the EMS Commission. I do support two of these departures on the EMS Commission, specifically Thomas DeMarco and Beth Tiberio, simply because they have expressed their desire to leave the commission. I support the removal of those two. However, Karen Minopoli and Nancy Minotti, I do not support their removal from the commission. They have served many years with hard work, diligence and dedication and have not expressed to me any desire to leave this commission. I see that one term is up, but the other is not. Specifically, it looks like Karen Minopoli's term is up. However, Nancy Minotti's is not. Again, as Chairman of the commission, I do not support the removal of either of these two members. I don't see any reason for that.

Alderman Gidwani: I support Noreen McGorty on this issue.

Alderman Anglace: Certainly, I would like to say to the members who may not continue on the commission if this passes, we certainly have to recognize their faithful and honorable service to the city and thank them. As Noreen says, they served admirably and we appreciate it. That should be noted.

Alderman Simonetti: Agreed.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 5-2 (McGorty and Gidwani opposed).

11 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 A. REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to go into executive session and asked the Corporation Counsel and Assistant Corporation Counsel to be included.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to reconvene and noted that there were no votes were taken in executive session.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11.1 BELADE WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the recommendations of Assistant Corporation Counsel with respect to Mr. Belade's indemnity benefits as stated in Executive Session.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11.2 GIORDANO WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the recommendations of Assistant Corporation Counsel with respect to Mr. Giordano's indemnity benefits as stated in Executive Session.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McPherson MOVED to adjourn the Special Virtual Meeting.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Adcox

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Board of Aldermen Clerk

DATE APPROVED _____ BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Laretti
